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- 1. FLEMISH AND WALLINIAN SOCIAL CHRISTIAN AND LIBERAL PARTIES ACTED APRIL 223 FORMALLY TO VOTE APPROVAL OF FORMATEUR TINDEMAN'S PROPOSED MINORITY GOVERNMENT. MOOD IN WHICH MINORITY COALITION GOVERNMENT WAS AGREED UPON BY PARTICIPATING PARTIES WAS ONE OF RESIGNATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCULSION THAT NO OTHER BROADER COALITION IS ATTAINABLE AT PRESENT. DISSIDENT BRUSSELS LIBERAL PARTY GROUP (PLDP) CONTROLLING THREE SEATS DECIDED NOT TO PARTICIPATE. THIS MEANS PARTICIPATING PARTIES CONTROL 102 OF THE 212 SEATS IN THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES.
- 2. THE PROGRAMMATIC PLATFORM OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT, THE MAIN POINTS OF WHICH WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY, IS A MIDDLE OF THE ROAD DOCUMENT INTENDED TO OBTAIN THE SUPPORT IN PARLIAMENT NEXT WEEK OF THE TWO MAJOR FEDERALIST-LINGUISTIC PARTIES (VU AND RW/FDF). THE SOCIALIST PARTY (PSB) REMAINS PUBLICLY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OPPOSED TO THE GOVERNMENT COALITION, EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE

COALITION PLATFORM CORRESPONDS CLOSELY TO SOCIALIST PARTY PREFERENCE.

3. ANNOUNCEMENT OF TINDEMEN'S PROPOSED CABINET IS EXPECTED APRIL 25. PERSONALITIES MOST LIKELY TO RECEIVE MINISTERIAL OR SECRETARY OF STATE POSITIONS INCLUDE VAN ELSLANDE, DECLERCQ, AND VANDEN BOEYANTS.STRAUSZ-HUPE

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